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Sir:

This RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS is offered to address the issues raised in the Notice dated November 16, 2001.

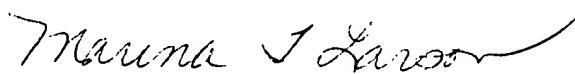
The Initial Patent Examination Division has objected to Applicant's drawings and asserts the drawings submitted are not in compliance with Rule 84(o) because they contain excessive text. Applicant respectfully submits that standard of what constitutes "excessive" text is one that must take into account the nature of what is being depicted. For example, in the present case, the drawings show what is displayed on a computer screen during use of the invention. These displays include text, as shown, but it is not "excessive" because it is necessary. Furthermore, Applicant submits that this is a technical determination to be made by the Examiner. An understanding of the subject matter of the invention must be realized before determining what text is excessive.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Initial Patent Examination Division release the application to a technology center for examination by an Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,
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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o));

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